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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March) .. .	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April) .. .	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April) .. .	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June) .. .	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June) .. .	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June) .. .	1,230,969	1,221,368	2,452,337	(a) 1,524,062
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1950 .. .	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256	1,326,400
1951 .. .	1,152,772	1,138,582	2,291,354	1,360,200
1952 .. .	1,192,644	1,164,179	2,356,823	1,393,000
1953 .. .	1,214,862	1,190,434	2,405,296	1,426,500
1954 .. .	1,246,461	1,234,412	2,480,873	(b)
At 31st March, 1955 (estimated) .. .	1,263,728	1,248,418	2,512,146	.. .

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population (a).			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	
Year ended 31st December—								
1950 .. .	20,320	49,830	22,341	1,001	9·22	22·61	10·14	20·09
1951 .. .	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·31	22·28	10·33	22·61
1952 .. .	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·66	23·02	9·99	22·29
1953 .. .	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·07	22·46	9·50	21·15
1954 .. .	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	7·91	22·28	9·19	19·30

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services.(d)
MALES.										
1939—July	90·0	267·5	357·5	5·5	128·4	36·4	45·4	75·9		35·9
1952—June	153·7	370·8	524·5	5·2	204·1	52·3	71·3	35·9	55·4	49·0
1953—June	150·9	370·7	521·6	5·3	206·4	49·5	69·0	36·3	54·7	49·4
1954—April	153·4	385·2	538·6	4·9	215·7	51·0	71·6	36·8	57·4	50·2
May	153·6	384·7	538·3	4·9	215·4	51·6	71·5	36·8	57·0	50·0
June	154·8	384·9	539·7	4·9	216·1	51·5	72·0	36·9	57·2	50·1
1955—April	158·0	396·1	554·1	4·8	223·2	53·6	71·6	37·0	60·0	51·7
May	157·9	397·5	555·4	4·8	223·1	54·0	72·5	37·0	60·1	51·7
June	158·2	398·5	556·7	4·8	223·4	54·3	72·9	37·2	59·9	52·0
FEMALES.										
1939—July	16·8	126·1	142·9	0·1	63·9	0·3	3·3	30·8		34·3
1952—June	36·9	169·7	206·6	0·1	76·6	1·1	11·6	30·8	20·2	56·6
1953—June	35·6	170·3	205·9	0·1	79·6	1·1	10·6	29·8	19·8	56·1
1954—April	35·8	183·0	218·8	0·1	88·0	1·2	10·2	31·3	21·1	58·2
May	36·0	181·7	217·7	0·1	86·7	1·2	10·3	31·4	21·1	58·1
June	36·3	181·4	217·7	0·1	86·6	1·2	10·3	31·6	21·2	57·9
1955—April	38·5	187·0	225·5	0·1	88·0	1·3	10·9	33·0	22·6	60·5
May	38·6	186·5	225·1	0·1	87·6	1·3	10·9	33·3	22·4	60·5
June	39·2	187·8	227·0	0·1	88·2	1·3	11·0	33·8	22·5	60·8
PERSONS.										
1939—July	106·8	393·6	500·4	5·6	192·3	36·7	48·7	106·7		70·2
1952—June	190·6	540·5	731·1	5·3	280·7	53·4	82·9	66·7	75·6	105·6
1953—June	186·5	541·0	727·5	5·4	286·0	50·6	79·6	66·1	74·5	105·5
1954—April	189·2	568·2	757·4	5·0	303·7	52·2	81·8	68·1	78·5	108·4
May	189·6	566·4	756·0	5·0	302·1	52·8	81·8	68·2	78·1	108·1
June	191·1	566·3	757·4	5·0	302·7	52·7	82·3	68·5	78·4	108·0
1955—April	196·5	583·1	779·6	4·9	311·2	54·9	82·5	70·0	82·6	112·2
May	196·5	584·0	780·5	4·9	310·7	55·3	83·4	70·3	82·5	112·2
June	197·4	586·3	783·7	4·9	311·6	55·6	83·9	71·0	82·4	112·8

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT
OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(*Adult Males.*)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0

(a) Current, May, 1955. Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Num- ber.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wages. £'000
		Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	..	27,313	20
1951 ..	41	27,219	..	27,219	42,210	..	42,210	104
1952 ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	..	116,339	339
1953 ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	..	57,160	176
1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	..	135,307	458
1953—June Qr. ..	10	8,214	2,008	10,222	11,618	213	11,831	29
Sept. Qr. ..	13	31,746	93	31,839	24,332	..	24,332	78
Dec. Qr. ..	17	20,458	11	20,469	13,856	2,233	16,089	54
1954—March Qr. ..	24	19,411	36	19,447	28,262	..	28,262	97
June Qr. ..	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	..	26,379	82
Sept. Qr. ..	19	3,618	517	4,135	13,096	2,670	15,766	49
Dec. Qr. ..	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	63,355	1,545	64,900	230
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	19,603	1,736	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,256	1,014	13,270	21,247	198	21,445	64

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—“C” SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923–27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
1953—March Quarter	2,250	2,217	2,220	2,217	2,286	2,247
June Quarter ..	2,279	2,251	2,257	2,256	2,320	2,277
September Qr.	2,301	2,283	2,276	2,290	2,335	2,300
December Qr.	2,310	2,310	2,289	2,290	2,352	2,309
1954—March Quarter	2,301	2,288	2,278	2,278	2,356	2,299
June Quarter ..	2,295	2,283	2,271	2,272	2,350	2,293
September Qr.	2,273	2,257	2,254	2,257	2,332	2,272
December Qr.	2,281	2,258	2,261	2,265	2,340	2,279
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300
June Quarter ..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the “Labour Report” issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal,	Oils, Fats, and Waxes,	Textiles,	Chemicals,	Rubber and Hides,	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported, (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced,	All Groups,
1928–29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931–32 ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938–39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945–46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946–47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947–48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948–49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949–50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950–51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951–52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952–53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953–54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954–55 ..	394	214	510	314	246	372	331	311	277	338	320
1953–54—											
July ..	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	315	275	346	325
April ..	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May ..	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June ..	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
1954–55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	396	215	501	315	237	365	330	305	279	332	316
February ..	399	215	505	315	257	373	333	313	281	340	322
March ..	400	214	507	315	264	381	336	319	282	345	326
April ..	401	214	496	315	271	387	337	314	283	342	324
May ..	403	214	497	315	294	389	339	318	283	346	328
June ..	402	214	485	315	306	398	340	324	287	350	331

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Maintaining a Child.	Not Maintaining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913–14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920–21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930–31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938–39 ..	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1948–49 ..	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1949–50 ..	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950–51 ..	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951–52 ..	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952–53 ..	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953–54 ..	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954–55 ..	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939–40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945–46 Year ..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946–47 ..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947–48 ..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948–49 ..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949–50 ..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950–51 ..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951–52 ..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952–53 ..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953–54 ..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954–55 ..	(c) 2,398	319	(c) 13,095	2,003

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) Period from 27th June, 1954, to 25th June, 1955.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1947..	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954..	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955..	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War, 1939–1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–1918 War, and 1939–1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.		Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
	Vessels.	'000 Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	'000 Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	'000 Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	'000 Net Tonnage.
Entered.								
1938-39 Year ..	188	686	548	3,100	2,243	4,751	2,979	8,537
1951-52 ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1952-53 ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953-54 ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954-55 .. (b)	454	2,107	709	3,779	1,555	4,053	2,718	9,939
1953-54—								
September Quarter ..	65	284	151	854	395	978	611	2,116
December Quarter ..	73	314	162	911	414	1,048	649	2,273
March Quarter ..	83	378	171	972	374	997	628	2,347
June Quarter ..	110	519	145	751	403	1,007	658	2,277
1954-55—								
September Quarter ..	107	482	162	905	376	899	645	2,286
December Quarter ..	121	554	176	946	376	1,006	673	2,506
March Quarter ..	122	572	181	955	402	1,052	705	2,579
June Quarter ..	104	499	190	973	401	1,096	695	2,568
Cleared.								
1938-39 Year ..	195	757	495	2,886	2,299	4,837	2,989	8,480
1951-52 ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,328	8,840
1952-53 ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953-54 ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954-55 .. (b)	394	1,828	474	2,778	1,853	5,494	2,721	10,100
1953-54—								
September Quarter ..	77	350	115	662	413	1,122	605	2,134
December Quarter ..	81	341	129	746	448	1,219	658	2,306
March Quarter ..	91	436	102	604	428	1,262	621	2,302
June Quarter ..	94	407	112	636	451	1,225	657	2,268
1954-55—								
September Quarter ..	89	410	117	669	463	1,251	669	2,330
December Quarter ..	97	455	120	743	438	1,346	655	2,544
March Quarter ..	99	433	114	744	484	1,407	697	2,584
June Quarter ..	109	530	123	622	468	1,490	700	2,642

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages. (b) Subject to revision.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.		Total.
		IMPORTS.		
Year ended 30th June—		£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1952	361,807	1,386	363,193
1953	173,201	574	173,775
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955 (a)	297,295	146	297,441
EXPORTS.				
Year ended 30th June—		£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1952	185,954	40	185,994
1953	228,004	114	228,118
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955 (a)	216,508	64	216,572

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	175	217	757	1,058
Other	128	152	531	634
Other Animal Foodstuffs	77	141	331	534
Total, Class I...	380	510	1,619	2,226

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC ETC.—VEGETABLE BEVERAGES,	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Nuts, Edible	145	86	569	354
Spices	75	72	270	238
Coffee and Chicory	324	482	1,170	1,351
Tea	1,204	1,216	4,727	7,848
Cocoa and Chocolate	544	732	1,220	2,016
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c.	156	233	555	824
Total, Class II.	2,448	2,821	8,511	12,631
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND LIQUORS	96	114	260	428
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF— Tobacco— Unmanufactured	840	735	4,975	6,869
Manufactured	6	7	27	29
Cigarettes	216	130	1,190	491
Cigars, Snuff, &c.	5	6	28	42
Total, Class IV.	1,067	878	6,220	7,422
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS..	24	18	97	52
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS— Hides and Skins	175	99	508	495
Wool	307	272	1,296	1,336
Other Animal Substances	77	92	550	352
Total, Class VI.	559	463	2,354	2,183
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES— Seeds	116	139	492	719
Fibres	1,406	1,205	5,075	4,758
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	82	86	305	347
Cork and Cork Manufactures	43	43	190	227
Other Vegetable Substances	176	188	634	726
Total, Class VII.	1,823	1,661	6,696	6,777

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Yarns	2,516	2,328	9,093	8,697
Manufactured Fibres	643	551	1,147	2,142
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	6,915	6,731	24,405	25,801
Other	1,715	1,357	5,276	5,888
Apparel	1,323	1,329	5,096	6,256
Total, Class VIII.	13,112	12,296	45,017	48,784
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	62	60	207	165
Paraffin Wax	50	22	127	185
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	4,678	5,944	16,292	25,443
Kerosene	607	522	1,999	2,143
Residual	740	843	3,783	4,113
Lubricating (Mineral)	409	331	1,159	1,757
Other	379	185	1,456	521
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	310	249	947	1,143
Total Class IX.	7,235	8,156	25,970	35,470
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	306	674	1,189	2,387
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	713	661	1,783	2,582
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANUFACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	2,586	2,749	6,149	12,731
Other	709	2,079	2,160	6,151
Tools of Trade	268	298	1,003	1,355
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	340	1,387	3,086	5,646
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	126	319	329	630
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	6,793	8,983	22,264	30,343
Other Vehicles and Parts	438	405	1,511	1,658
Other Metals and Manufactures	2,653	2,975	9,422	11,300
Total, Class XII.(a)	13,913	19,195	45,924	69,814

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	460	564	1,676	1,975
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	104	71	337	246
Other Electrical Machinery, &c.	1,480	1,988	48,63	5,471
Total, Class XII.(b)	2,044	2,623	6,876	7,692
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	3,603	3,009	14,089	13,303
Metal-working Machinery and Appliances	750	1,035	3,217	3,328
Roller and Ball Bearings	312	447	1,250	1,558
Other Machines and Machinery	4,025	5,078	16,931	18,315
Total, Class XII.(c)	8,690	9,569	35,487	36,504
Total, Class XII.	24,647	31,387	88,287	114,010
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	1,289	1,337	3,668	4,886
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	166	236	466	692
Elastics	109	107	367	396
Other	106	145	393	582
Leather and Leather Manufactures	47	105	237	323
Total, Class XIII.	1,717	1,930	5,131	6,879
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	578	995	1,891	3,861
Other Wood and Wicker	76	206	373	671
Total, Class XIV.	654	1,201	2,264	4,532
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	480	496	1,566	1,983
Crockery and Household Ware	462	417	1,379	1,662
Portland Cement	40	188	346	628
Other Earthenware, &c.	182	271	618	842
Total, Class XV.	1,164	1,372	3,909	5,115

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	373	273	1,397	1,559
Paper—				
Printing	1,036	1,479	4,087	5,558
Writing and Typewriting	126	171	538	710
Wrapping	347	351	1,115	1,195
Other	245	237	860	1,415
Millboards and other Boards	123	137	402	644
Total, Class XVI.(a)	2,250	2,648	8,399	11,081
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	385	522	1,891	2,041
Other Stationery, &c.	392	449	1,329	1,770
Total, Class XVI.(b)	777	971	3,220	3,811
Total, Class XVI.	3,027	3,619	11,619	14,892
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	242	300	929	1,338
Jewellery	244	243	791	1,090
Timepieces	267	245	882	1,066
Total, Class XVII.	753	788	2,602	3,494
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	555	766	2,244	2,760
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	1,453	1,812	5,179	6,928
Fertilizers	193	186	1,390	878
Total, Class XIX.	1,646	1,998	6,569	7,806
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	472	2,940	1,829	4,581
Synthetic Resins	610	622	2,511	2,614
Prefabricated Buildings	205	44	2,963	506
Outside Packages	1,266	1,417	4,654	5,500
All Other Articles	540	921	2,983	3,664
Total, Class XX.	3,093	5,944	14,940	16,865
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	157	17	399	146
GRAND TOTAL	65,176	77,274	237,680	297,441

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.		Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
		1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
		£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—					
Meats—					
Preserved by Cold Process—					
Beef	153	138	641
Lamb	170	300	1,782
Mutton	126	242	836
Pork	22	25	54
Poultry	21	20	140
Rabbits and Hares	261	396	1,105
Other	101	132	359
Preserved in Tins	2,499	1,687	7,821
Sausage Casings	239	372	958
Other	93	76	269
Butter	1,341	3,213	6,986
Cheese	629	501	4,093
Eggs	94	15	1,511
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	81	65	350
Honey	53	182	127
Milk and Cream	1,296	1,379	6,670
Other Animal Foodstuffs	129	84	493
Total, Class I	7,308	8,827	34,195
					43,518
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—					
Grains and Cereals—					
Unprepared—					
Wheat	1,366	3,370	5,919
Oats	46	254	334
Barley	1,145	533	2,133
Other	4	4	11
Prepared—					
Rice	44	38	242
Flour (Wheaten)	1,808	1,804	10,040
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	12	84	194
Other	89	172	432
Vegetables—					
Preserved in liquid and pulped	20	21	246
Other	36	46	132
Fruits—					
Fresh	1,298	1,439	2,355
Dried	2,058	2,038	4,857
Preserved in liquid	3,505	4,388	7,515
Fruit Juices	85	68	214
Jams and Jellies	70	48	233
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	1,231	214	2,463
Total, Class II.	12,817	14,521	37,320
					44,662
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS					
			178	172	464
					610

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	3	11	16	33
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. . .	16	9	46	88
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	45	205	475	597
Calf, Cattle, and Horse .. .	75	139	380	512
Sheep (with wool and without wool) ..	1,879	1,544	6,674	6,721
Other .. . .	..	6	106	21
Wool—				
Greasy	16,697	23,757	87,936	84,101
Scoured, Tops, and Waste .. .	3,896	3,587	15,180	13,574
Other Animal Substances .. .	33	9	86	75
Total, Class VI. .. .	22,625	29,247	110,837	105,601
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	16	66	86	263
Fibres	6	2	7	3
Other Vegetable Substances .. .	16	12	51	38
Total, Class VII. .. .	38	80	144	304
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	77	32	208	123
Textiles	120	204	474	615
Apparel	19	11	62	77
Total, Class VIII. .. .	216	247	744	815
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES— ..				
Tallow, inedible	114	174	675	620
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes .. .	128	634	497	1,352
Total, Class IX. .. .	242	808	1,172	1,972
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES ..	47	50	188	198
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	732	752	2,279	2,909
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	1,038	927	4,265	3,609
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances ..	82	98	305	394
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	1,009	1,058	3,551	3,715
Total, Class XII. .. .	2,129	2,083	8,121	7,718

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

(a) 6001	Article.	6001	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
			1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURERS THEREOF—			£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	..		54	48	182	228
Leather and Leather Manufactures	..		299	219	1,224	1,152
Total, Class XIII.	..		353	267	1,406	1,380
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	..		31	52	129	184
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	39	37	135	138
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—						
Pulp, Paper, and Board	31	20	79	97
Paper Manufactures and Stationery	..		103	72	319	421
Total, Class XVI.	134	92	398	518
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	61	52	208	227
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	131	120	519	458
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	300	335	1,469	1,577
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—						
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	..		748	371	2,351	2,144
Personal and Household Effects	..		89	88	332	344
All other Articles	220	410	1,055	1,110
Total, Class XX.	1,057	869	3,738	3,598
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER : BRONZE SPECIE	14	10	53	64
Australian Produce	47,704	58,158	201,434	214,748
Other Produce	767	483	2,147	1,824
GRAND TOTAL	48,471	58,641	203,581	216,572

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1952.		1953.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	161,879	71,429	113,159	133,950
Australian Territories	1,306	1,238	1,229	1,193
Borneo (British)	574	217	2,219	8,872
Canada	6,535	6,329	5,074	5,662
Ceylon	3,468	3,386	4,444	7,171
East Africa (British)	2,753	1,507	1,271	1,776
Hong Kong	733	101	384	666
India, Republic of	12,446	3,699	4,817	6,150
Malaya, Federation of	7,560	1,868	3,333	4,569
New Zealand	3,403	1,683	2,401	2,468
Pakistan	864	550	1,687	1,042
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	698	1,151	1,352	1,978
Singapore	4,546	1,759	3,041	1,274
South Africa, Union of	1,535	1,081	917	1,690
West Africa (British)	559	419	366	415
Other British Possessions	1,106	912	1,102	1,539
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands	4,094	4,689	5,494	4,195
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,389	3,822	3,849	6,369
Austria	1,972	349	771	1,472
Belgium	7,199	1,628	2,432	3,389
Brazil	2,714	124	397	854
China	1,080	317	576	422
Czechoslovakia	2,269	371	747	821
Egypt	1,176	421	548	156
Finland	3,638	354	810	1,602
France	6,859	4,544	5,766	4,815
Germany	12,445	5,094	9,607	13,304
Indonesia, Republic of	7,397	5,162	6,500	5,185
Italy	10,926	1,731	4,322	5,123
Japan	15,595	2,345	2,634	6,559
Netherlands	4,922	2,269	3,341	5,902
Netherlands Antilles	1,610	665	69	362
Norway	3,584	504	1,181	1,532
Persia (Iran)	748	73	11	454
Soviet Union	395	158	337	418
Sweden	11,038	2,519	3,557	4,614
Switzerland	2,779	1,254	3,356	3,767
United States of America	36,974	33,031	27,565	35,744
Venezuela	211	702	423	403
Other Foreign Countries	3,375	1,082	1,904	4,018
Country not stated	16	24	33	46
Total (excluding Outside Packages) ..	356,370	170,561	233,026	291,941

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.(a)
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	55,562	86,009	68,437	84,471
Australian Territories	441	792	1,119	1,803
Borneo (British)	304	283	369	559
Canada	3,850	4,015	3,038	3,325
Ceylon	5,762	8,115	4,792	3,018
Cocos Island .. . . .	..	905	65	10
Hong Kong	1,400	2,194	1,569	1,417
India, Republic of	5,227	5,081	2,832	5,998
Ireland, Republic of	1,148	2,128	866	1,059
Malaya, Federation of	3,688	4,420	3,795	3,657
Mauritius and Dependencies	904	725	835	615
New Zealand	12,574	7,954	8,822	10,053
Pakistan	316	1,049	828	822
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	222	393	428	398
Singapore	3,827	3,694	3,103	3,441
South Africa, Union of	1,328	1,655	1,406	1,235
West Indies (British)	612	539	317	307
Other British Possessions	2,383	2,516	2,364	3,025
Arabia	339	571	653	733
Belgium	4,356	6,029	5,067	6,049
China	80	471	313	358
Czechoslovakia	460	1,292	696	1,697
Denmark	546	262	481	431
Egypt	2,644	1,120	1,007	446
France	16,120	23,451	21,380	21,182
Germany	6,232	4,779	6,420	9,855
Indonesia, Republic of	1,681	2,404	2,026	1,335
Italy	10,363	13,267	13,832	11,377
Japan	9,180	17,829	11,381	12,404
Mexico	780	757	1,156	1,789
Netherlands	2,619	1,240	1,745	2,124
Poland	959	1,175	842	1,386
Soviet Union .. . . .	..	444	10,497	153
Sweden	2,759	1,041	1,510	914
Switzerland	455	353	898	750
Turkey	619	490	886	483
United States of America	20,574	13,951	12,947	12,244
Yugoslavia	1,649	211	406	223
Other Foreign Countries	4,031	4,514	4,503	5,426
Total	185,994	228,118	203,581	216,572

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955 (a).
Wool—				
Greasy .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	227,445 73,952	260,691 92,008	236,716 87,936
Scoured and Washed .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	30,775 14,019	31,750 13,173	28,936 12,673
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	6,861 2,204	8,904 3,023	6,279 2,507
Butter .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	17,768 3,166	42,129 7,674	38,484 6,986
Wheat .. ..	.. { tons £'000	425,436 13,590	320,230 10,236	191,822 5,919
Flour (wheaten) .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	619,807 13,125	713,853 15,329	516,514 10,040
Fruits—				
Dried .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	68,656 3,788	113,620 5,315	104,210 4,857
Fresh—				
Oranges .. ..	.. { bushels £'000	171,394 324	226,065 405	315,758 471
Apples .. ..	.. { bushels £'000	81,360 142	106,310 179	118,724 161
Pears .. ..	.. { bushels £'000	589,386 1,170	654,838 1,241	911,877 1,643
Other Fresh Fruits .. ..	.. { £'000	16	63	80
Preserved in Liquid .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	73,195 4,030	97,624 6,149	111,595 7,515
Meats—				
Beef (frozen) .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	24,055 249	30,844 315	77,644 641
Lamb (frozen) .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	170,239 1,205	465,750 3,494	203,343 1,782
Mutton (frozen) .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	35,587 211	391,564 1,426	218,643 836
Pork (frozen) .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	5,414 87	4,259 71	2,479 54
Poultry (frozen) .. ..	.. { £'000	905	523	140
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) (b) .. ..	.. { '000 pairs £'000	8,920 2,347	6,232 1,843	3,876 1,045
Preserved in Tins .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	416,584 5,252	814,990 11,495	482,652 7,821
Sausage Casings .. ..	.. { £'000	1,015	1,177	958
All Other Meats .. ..	.. { £'000	1,922	779	688
Milk and Cream .. ..	.. { £'000	5,489	7,043	6,670
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool) .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	28,704 5,712	45,514 7,051	35,054 6,158
Rabbit and Hare .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	2,835 485	3,433 476	2,538 475
Other Skins .. ..	.. { £'000	718	1,035	1,002
Tallow (inedible) .. ..	.. { cwt. £'000	56,248 327	173,636 627	192,477 675
Eggs in shell .. ..	.. { '000 doz. £'000	2,389 402	4,733 1,001	2,024 447
Eggs not in shell .. ..	.. { £'000	264	646	1,064
Cheese .. ..	.. { '000 lb. £'000	31,258 2,995	37,187 4,114	37,865 4,093

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcasses only excluding rabbit and hare meat.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,687	4,678	4,574	4,458
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. '000	7,671	7,267	7,589	8,193	8,235
Country '000	4,764	3,929	4,343	4,616	4,615
Goods '000	5,455	5,777	5,758	5,494	5,890
Total '000	17,890	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	157,138	154,997	157,658	160,651
Country '000	6,578	7,993	7,860	8,447	8,553
Total '000	142,124	165,131	162,857	166,105	169,204
Goods Carried .. tons '000	5,250	8,574	8,580	8,622	9,508
Live Stock Carried .. tons '000	726	630	612	579	575
Gross Ton Mileage .. '000	4,734,904	5,518,880	5,814,354	6,088,695	6,429,202
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,280,191	1,262,454	1,269,772	1,426,415
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. miles	127.26	139.08	137.35	138.01	141.47

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During the Year Ended 30th June, 1955.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	25	8,123	87	..	..	8,235
Country .. miles '000	1,071	..	1,746	175	1,623	4,615
Goods Trains .. miles '000	3,883	5	..	496	1,506	5,890
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	4,979	8,128	1,833	671	3,129	18,740

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	24,339	31,867	35,706	37,697
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,751	1,795	1,931	2,144
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	26,090	33,662	37,637	39,841
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	29,613	34,008	35,950	37,032
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	-3,523	-346	1,687	2,809
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,343	2,428	2,591	2,848
Net Result for Year £'000	-944	-5,866	-2,774	-904	-39

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	127·8	128·8	129·6	129·6
Single miles	5·9	5·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48·6	66·7	68·9	64·1	64·1
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways .. . '000	22,981	21,648	22,215	22,000	21,046
Motor Omnibuses .. . '000	2,165	7,598	8,076	7,892	7,241
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways .. . '000	182,094	217,684	207,398	204,747	202,437
Motor Omnibuses .. . '000	11,911	62,619	61,045	59,111	56,511
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	5,876	6,635	6,598	6,443
Other	15	65	67	45	44
Total Revenue	2,320	5,941	6,702	6,643	6,487
Operating Expenses and Fixed Charges	(b) 1,517	(c) 6,033	(c) 6,669	(c) 6,867	(c) 6,958
Surplus on Operation	803	..	33	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. . .	..	92	..	224	471

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest, and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers ^(a) .	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938–39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1950–51	36,565	12,333	6,528	55,426	5,441
1951–52	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
1952–53	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953–54	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954–55	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938–39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1950–51	15,806	4,935	3,385	24,126	4,697
1951–52	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
1952–53	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953–54	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954–55	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938–39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1950–51	206,338	61,097	59,639	327,074	23,393
1951–52	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
1952–53	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953–54	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954–55	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938–39 Year	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1950–51	258,709	78,365	69,552	406,626	33,531
1951–52	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
1952–53	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953–54	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954–55	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	138	72	62
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	2,033	1,737	1,535
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	2,171	1,809	1,597
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,258	5,282	5,278
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,462	2,478	2,768
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	7,720	7,760	8,046
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,274	9,529	10,181
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,302	1,232	1,317
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,888	8,227	8,219
Primary Producers	699	9,299	9,991	10,770
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	743	669	744
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	27,075	25,115	25,385
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	6,870	7,193	7,791
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	64,451	61,956	64,407
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	150	170	138
Aircraft Licences .. .. .. ..	..	1	1	35
Grand Total Licences	35,970	74,493	71,696	74,223
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	4,957	4,526	8,602
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	83,398	86,905	84,668
Total Permits	(a)	88,355	91,431	93,270

(a) Not available.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
				City of Melbourne (a)	Outside Metropolitan Area.	
1938-39 Year ..	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1950-51	1,253	54	1,392	3,498	305	4,781
1951-52	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1952-53—						
March Quarter ..	318	5	371	1,090	60	1,503
June Quarter ..	336	15	396	1,132	77	1,513
1953-54—						
September Quarter ..	327	13	362	973	74	1,333
December Quarter ..	291	8	332	950	62	1,303
March Quarter ..	294	4	350	1,129	80	1,602
June Quarter ..	174	3	204	1,199	99	1,620
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter ..	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter ..	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
	Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).				Total—Victoria.	
1938-39 Year ..	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1950-51	4,523	222	5,191	9,274	581	11,364
1951-52	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1952-53—						
March Quarter ..	1,170	40	1,393	2,578	105	3,267
June Quarter ..	1,216	57	1,399	2,684	149	3,308
1953-54—						
September Quarter ..	1,196	44	1,415	2,496	131	3,110
December Quarter ..	1,162	25	1,373	2,403	95	3,008
March Quarter ..	1,085	30	1,304	2,508	114	3,256
June Quarter ..	1,342	49	1,609	2,715	151	3,433
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter ..	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter ..	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	9,315	12,232	14,364	17,206
Railways	9,349	18,798	24,226	31,520	35,698
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,300	3,847	4,805	5,179	5,393
Land	387	1,167	1,889	2,663	2,683
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,862	2,267	2,641	3,054
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
,, States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act .....	..	17,446	20,347	26,028	29,352
,, States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act .....	..	186	220	262	..
,, States Grants (Special Assistance) Act .....	..	4,750	9,124	7,131	5,622
All other Revenue	857	4,048	4,275	4,934	5,470
Total Revenue	26,986	63,546	81,512	96,849	106,605
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population (b)	14 8 3	28 6 7	35 5 9	40 16 5	44 0 0

(a) For details see page 29.

(b) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	7,186	8,157	9,067	10,760
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	578	578	575	559
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	2,059	2,265	2,587	2,928
Other	62	80	74	69	80
Railways	7,694	19,844	28,275	32,976	34,465
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	2,542	3,367	4,025	4,180
Education	3,123	10,644	13,230	15,987	17,391
Public Health	143	614	786	947	1,078
Hospitals	1,054	6,450	9,688	10,570	11,601
Other Charities (a)	2,302	1,353	1,837	2,417	2,867
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	4,108	5,236	5,736	6,005
All other Expenditure	2,962	8,431	10,425	12,258	13,980
Total Expenditure	27,773	63,889	83,918	97,214	105,894
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population (b)	14 16 8	28 9 8	36 6 7	40 19 6	43 14 1

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

(b) Revised figures.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.
State Taxation Collections—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	53	29	57	27
Land Tax	482	415	876	1,370	2,016
Probate Duty	1,374	3,442	3,874	4,833	5,387
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	2,987	3,321	3,206	3,685
Motor Taxation	1,914	3,808	5,215	5,455	5,883
Racing Taxation	391(b)	1,609	2,113	2,254	2,451
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	..	..	..	656
Liquor Licences	255	780	1,323	1,761	1,963
All other Taxes	110	132	192	221	232
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	9,315	12,232	14,364	17,206
Paid to Special Funds ..	1,938	3,911	4,711	4,793	5,094
Total State Collections ..	12,023	13,226	16,943	19,157	22,300
Tax Reimbursement by Commonwealth .. ..	..	17,446	20,347	26,028	29,352
Grand Total ..	12,023	30,672	37,290	45,185	51,652
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	5 17 11	7 6 9	8 1 6	9 4 1
Commonwealth Reimbursement .. ..	..	7 15 7	8 16 2	10 19 5	12 2 3
Total	6 8 5	13 13 6	16 2 11	19 0 11	21 6 4

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax. (b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1954.
	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Public Works—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Railways—				
As reduced..	10,498	7,100	8,839	89,462
Transferred .. .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,094	1,219	1,537	18,181
Water Supply and Sewerage	10,699	7,000	8,572	75,979
Electricity Supply	9,000	7,000	6,000	41,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	3,521	3,382	4,845	25,211
Hospitals	2,952	3,640	5,390	18,307
Other	799	841	753	5,515
Housing	4,185	1,222	41	9,813
Unemployment Relief .. .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	829	1,041	691	8,707
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	5,754	4,650	4,923	79,724
Advances to Settlers (b) .. .. ..	..	1	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	23	32	2	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. ..	..	..	250	1,404
Forestry	1,390	787	900	13,082
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	38	16	5	845
Other Primary Production	125	88	75	1,827
Coal (Overseas Purchase)	Cr. 4	Cr. 27	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,393	2,455	1,995	9,394
Rural Finance Corporation	1,600	900	700	4,019
Other Purposes	188	228	146	1,392
Total Public Works, &c.	55,084	41,575	45,664	453,000
In Aid of Revenue	2,000	2,400	..	15,455
Grand Total	57,084	43,975	45,664	468,455

(a) Including Soldier Settlement. (b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1954	44,908	3,600	328,456	376,964	153 14 4
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7

(a) Revised figures.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1950–51	98,050	310,069	408,119	179,967	44·10
,, 1951–52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
,, 1952–53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
,, 1953–54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
,, 1954–55	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52·62
Quarter ended June, 1954	95,126	375,074	470,200	225,043	47·86
,, , September, 1954 ..	100,900	349,729	450,629	235,115	52·17
,, , December, 1954 ..	106,499	362,469	468,968	248,542	53·00
,, , March, 1955 ..	107,379	377,536	484,915	251,551	51·88
,, , June, 1955 ..	108,150	380,869	489,019	260,493	53·27
1954—Month of April	93,724	382,298	476,022	225,932	47·46
,, , May	95,896	373,564	469,460	224,518	47·82
,, , June	95,631	370,504	466,135	224,751	48·22
1955—Month of April	104,501	389,315	493,816	258,468	52·34
,, , May	111,259	380,124	491,383	260,013	52·91
,, , June	108,583	374,707	483,290	362,497	54·31

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

	Period.							Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year	814,668
1939 ,,	864,631
1950 ,,	3,652,973
1951 ,,	4,600,401
1952 ,,	4,204,105
1953 ,,	4,275,071
1954 ,,	4,840,422
1953—June Quarter	1,178,967
September Quarter	992,019
December Quarter	1,117,919
1954—March Quarter	1,104,652
June Quarter	1,309,519
September Quarter	1,158,432
December Quarter	1,267,819
1955—March Quarter	1,189,412
June Quarter	1,369,883

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929	66,130	6,577	72,707
1931	57,138	6,104	63,242
1939	69,219	11,242	80,461
1949	187,359	51,887	239,246
1950	198,680	58,441	257,121
1951	213,687	68,092	281,779
1952	224,347	76,485	300,832
1953	234,834	85,137	319,971
1954	245,607	94,174	339,781
1955	260,150	104,597	364,743

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).
Year ended 31st December—				£'000	£'000	£'000
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1950	35,914	24,339	1,210	3,407	37,124	27,746
1951	37,856	39,903	1,317	2,419	39,173	42,322
1952	35,545	63,894	1,245	2,083	36,790	65,977
1953	40,252	58,182	1,398	1,459	41,650	59,641
1954	39,033	51,926	1,465	1,962	40,498	53,888
1953—						
June Quarter ..	10,064	11,889	317	391	10,381	12,280
September Quarter ..	11,841	14,534	405	490	12,246	15,024
December Quarter ..	10,134	18,376	383	327	10,517	18,703
1954—						
March Quarter ..	8,905	9,224	357	474	9,262	9,698
June Quarter ..	8,800	13,109	366	568	9,166	13,677
September Quarter ..	11,028	16,047	369	504	11,397	16,551
December Quarter ..	10,300	13,546	373	416	10,673	13,962
1955—						
March Quarter ..	8,621	14,331	304	1,214	8,925	15,545
June Quarter ..	10,292	14,094	314	1,022	10,606	15,116

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under that Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Acts.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Six Months Ended 30th June, 1955.
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	537	808	1,109	1,521	873
Foreign	37	97	107	116	62
Mining	28	4	8	15	1
Total	602	909	1,224	1,652	936
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Foreign	17,302	52,264	63,640	104,166	50,497
Mining	8,975	29,758	33,682	39,099	54,486
.. ..	..	45	805	82	1
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	10,229	13,282	14,093	14,983	15,627
Foreign	643	1,179	1,256	1,306	1,354
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—					
Victorian Trading	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Mining	6,854	49,978	61,205	118,829	38,584
.. ..	1,097	902	1,692	11,899	999

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State—Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gippsland.	
Averages 1911-1940 (a)	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1911-1940 (a)	12.49	17.52	18.06	27.06	34.81	27.58	29.64	33.47	24.28
Year—									
1950 ..	17.57	20.04	23.67	31.63	35.03	24.01	30.82	36.65	26.52
1951 ..	12.09	19.61	20.26	31.87	37.45	33.32	34.71	41.78	27.91
1952 ..	15.22	21.87	21.86	35.56	46.24	39.30	40.66	48.71	32.75
1953 ..	12.27	19.62	16.81	28.69	35.57	30.40	30.75	35.29	25.38
1954 ..	13.41	17.68	21.22	29.88	35.58	25.92	30.93	34.02	25.02
1954—									
January ..	1.35	1.50	3.18	2.38	4.33	1.30	2.06	3.48	2.38
February ..	0.16	0.10	0.58	1.13	0.94	2.09	3.14	1.11	
March ..	0.18	0.27	0.18	0.41	0.34	1.04	0.67	0.91	0.51
April ..	2.17	3.72	1.77	2.87	3.01	3.77	2.64	1.69	2.68
May ..	0.53	0.69	0.82	1.54	1.64	1.88	1.77	1.82	1.28
June ..	0.61	1.35	1.16	2.17	3.07	2.86	2.51	4.13	2.21
Six months of 1954 ..	5.00	7.63	7.69	10.50	13.52	11.79	11.74	15.17	10.17
1955—									
January ..	0.08	0.25	0.80	0.93	1.86	0.82	1.11	0.86	0.77
February ..	2.86	2.39	4.82	3.82	4.47	2.28	3.30	3.30	3.28
March ..	1.14	0.88	1.69	1.38	4.04	0.93	2.39	2.16	1.77
April ..	0.20	0.97	0.28	0.78	0.66	2.24	1.63	1.38	1.01
May ..	1.97	2.23	2.26	2.75	2.72	3.66	2.92	2.92	2.66
June ..	2.82	3.95	2.91	4.78	5.15	4.05	3.30	2.64	3.58
Six months of 1955 ..	9.07	10.67	12.76	14.44	18.90	13.98	14.65	13.26	13.07

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911-1940.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
1950-51 ..	Acres. 2,735,473	Acres. 527,217	Acres. 217,096	Acres. 557,454	Acres. 52,482	Acres. 34,438	Acres. 55,850
1951-52 ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53 ..	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54 ..	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55 ..	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	(c)739,099	(d)45,156	(e)	(e)
Total Production.							
1950-51 ..	Bushels. 51,235,929	Bushels. 9,034,005	Bushels. 4,510,079	Tons. 894,585	Tons. 139,391	Tons (f). 34,087	..
1951-52 ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53 ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54 ..	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55 ..	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	(e)	(e)	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
1950-51 ..	Bushels. 18.73	Bushels. 17.14	Bushels. 20.77	Tons. 1.60	Tons. 2.66	Tons (f). 0.99	..
1951-52 ..	18.67	16.48	19.44	1.63	4.24	1.41	..
1952-53 ..	22.55	16.66	20.18	1.65	2.52	1.73	..
1953-54 ..	22.47	16.90	21.18	1.69	4.05	1.56	..
1954-55 ..	20.28	15.55	17.63	1.63	(e)	(e)	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1953-54 amounted to 1,740, 5,319, and 2,984 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1953-54 was 13,661 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 39,982 acres and oaten 209,474 acres.

(d) Subject to revision.

(e) Not yet available.

(f) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTRIES FOR SEASON 1954-55.

Districts and Counties.	Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central . .				
Grant	11,032	261,406	23.70	23.01
North-Central . .				
Talbot	13,201	315,499	23.90	24.09
Western . .				
Grenville	6,721	165,294	24.59	23.96
Hampden	6,551	173,404	26.47	..
Ripon	21,804	514,968	23.62	..
Wimmera . .				
Lowan	162,680	4,111,714	25.27	22.98
Borung	467,301	10,587,840	22.66	..
Kara Kara	138,833	2,964,207	21.35	..
Mallee . .				
Millewa	52,942	557,148	10.52	17.11
Weeah	109,081	1,749,859	16.04	..
Karkarooe	593,000	10,097,825	17.03	..
Tatchera	349,422	6,493,394	18.58	..
Northern . .				
Gunbower	10,725	178,237	16.62	23.11
Gladstone	101,755	2,121,824	20.85	..
Bendigo	74,614	1,764,432	23.65	..
Rodney	39,239	1,010,655	25.76	..
Moira	191,914	4,590,231	23.92	..
North-Eastern . .				
Delatite	3,472	82,112	23.65	21.28
Bogong	25,361	531,223	20.95	..
Gippsland . .				
Tanjil	2,150	35,819	16.66	16.61
Remaining Counties	8,375	176,852	21.12	..
Grain	2,390,173	48,484,543	20.28	..
Hay	39,982	..	..	..
Total . .	2,430,155	..	..	..

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1954.

Variety.	Area (Actual).	Percentage of Total Area.
	Acres.	%
Insignia ..	1,112,636	45.78
Pinnacle ..	602,920	24.81
Quadrat ..	499,053	20.54
Magnet ..	55,006	2.26
Bencubbin ..	46,147	1.90
Baldmin ..	33,163	1.36
Gabo ..	23,919	0.98
Pindar ..	11,063	0.46
Ghurka ..	7,077	0.29
Koorda ..	6,197	0.26
Bungulla ..	5,630	0.23
Sherpa ..	4,610	0.19
Diadem ..	3,605	0.15
Javelin ..	2,130	0.09
Kendee ..	1,914	0.08
Blue Stem ..	1,420	0.06
Bobin ..	948	0.04
Turvey ..	855	0.04
Gluyas ..	830	0.03
Ranee ..	779	0.03
Insignia 49 ..	772	0.03
Gluclub ..	716	0.03
Regalia ..	699	0.03
Scimitar ..	535	0.02
Warigo ..	512	0.02
Rajah ..	506	0.02
Sepoy ..	455	0.02
Dundee ..	426	0.02
Bordan ..	406	0.02
Sabre ..	364	0.01
All other varieties and unknown seed ..	4,862	0.20
Total	2,430,155	100.00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

District.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
Central ..	No. 40,075	No. 292,217	No. 127,329	No. 419,546	No. 53,793	No. 2,069,606
North-Central ..	7,400	45,044	52,128	97,172	8,028	1,791,644
Western ..	24,120	385,442	217,905	603,347	29,514	7,297,738
Wimmera ..	7,281	32,535	18,163	50,698	7,222	3,407,424
Mallee ..	5,590	29,529	10,102	39,631	12,952	1,279,139
Northern ..	18,507	254,968	77,532	332,500	69,377	3,450,865
North-Eastern ..	12,558	158,682	184,435	344,117	31,122	1,735,027
Gippsland ..	16,641	413,493	155,799	569,292	51,658	1,298,072
Totals at 31st March, 1955 ..	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	(a) 22,329,515
Totals at 31st March—						
1951 ..	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952 ..	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229
1953 ..	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954 ..	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955 ..	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	(a) 22,329,515

(a) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1952, record of 21,537,229 by 792,286.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Culled Cattle.	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	146,376	44,982	14,379	38,884	38,237	7,207	2,152	292,217
North-Central ..	19,242	7,421	2,459	6,353	7,625	1,284	660	45,044
Western ..	144,137	103,226	24,478	51,537	49,175	9,930	2,959	385,442
Wimmera ..	12,003	6,894	2,014	3,821	5,685	1,498	620	32,535
Mallee ..	13,163	4,729	1,662	3,877	4,771	993	334	29,529
Northern ..	125,000	30,089	14,030	34,793	42,192	6,694	2,170	254,968
North-Eastern ..	72,227	25,180	14,754	17,433	24,674	3,760	1,654	159,682
Gippsland ..	224,932	45,632	17,537	51,616	61,445	9,691	2,640	413,493
Totals at 31st March, 1955	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	13,189	1,612,910
Totals at 31st March—								
1951 ..	674,011	269,028	78,210	203,585	227,203	37,356	(a)	1,480,393
1952 ..	655,127	259,682	78,392	197,595	210,758	36,969	(a)	1,438,523
1953 ..	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	(a)	1,476,980
1954 ..	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	12,238	1,552,968
1955 ..	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	13,189	1,612,910

(a) Not available. Information first collected for year ended 31st March, 1954.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AFD LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
Central ..	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	23,738	935,095	98,565	621,002	391,206	2,069,606
North-Central ..	18,482	720,968	63,469	656,197	332,528	1,791,644
Western ..	82,240	2,878,187	448,719	2,381,767	1,506,825	7,297,738
Wimmera ..	35,372	1,319,156	180,575	1,223,697	648,624	3,407,424
Mallee ..	15,969	771,158	14,820	211,549	265,643	1,279,139
Northern ..	49,208	1,983,612	81,336	650,200	686,509	3,450,865
North-Eastern ..	21,586	906,981	62,867	416,325	327,268	1,735,027
Gippsland ..	12,295	568,859	62,152	382,158	272,608	1,298,072
Totals at 31st March, 1955 ..	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	(b) 22,329,515
Totals at 31st March—						
1951 ..	240,143	9,463,774	853,575	5,095,047	4,359,394	20,011,933
1952 ..	249,281	9,782,940	994,731	5,789,093	4,721,184	21,537,229
1953 ..	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954 ..	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955 ..	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	(b) 22,329,515

(a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 799,308 at 31st March, 1955.

(b) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1952, record of 21,537,229 by 779,286.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
1949-50	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£	d.
1950-51	188,083	37,160	225,243	57,415,306	61.18
1951-52	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,945,656	146.18
1952-53	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,637,774	67.89
1953-54	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,760,501	74.95
1954-55	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384,149	78.81
	(a) 211,462	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	No.	Year Ended 30th June—			
		1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.
Factories	9,250	14,758	15,154	15,533	
Persons employed (a)—					
Males	136,218	233,699	228,724	240,698	
Females	65,613	90,444	82,035	90,579	
Total	201,831	324,143	310,759	331,277	
Wages paid (b)—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Males	29,006	163,688	171,897	190,573	
Females	7,021	38,898	38,981	45,463	
Total	36,027	202,586	210,878	236,036	
Value of—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	20,779	24,354	27,540	
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	15,707	15,948	18,123	
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	463,121	461,811	531,528	
Production (net)	65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314	
Output	152,968	833,967	860,146	985,505	
Land and buildings	42,026	119,465	135,325	158,389	
Machinery and plant	38,570	128,934	147,365	181,059	

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	6,398	6,863	7,730
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	4,996	5,209	6,205
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	20,621	21,506	27,346
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	115,726	123,089	138,569
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	2,916	2,646	3,103
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	29,301	36,219	43,860
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	5,341	6,617	6,464
Clothing	7,865	35,033	36,689	41,286
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	46,771	51,322	55,231
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	15,045	14,473	16,383
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	6,192	6,001	6,301
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.	4,930	23,297	23,659	27,373
Rubber	1,573	8,029	7,092	9,296
Musical instruments	24	182	190	296
Miscellaneous products	722	7,858	8,140	10,357
Heat, light, and power	2,328	6,654	8,318	8,514
Total	65,996	334,360	358,033	408,314

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1953–54.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture	89,374	14,587	74,787	9,163	65,624	27 1 8
Pastoral	123,226	9,972	113,254	4,324	108,930	44 19 2
Dairying	57,730	2,178	55,552	9,350	46,202	19 1 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	22,170	1,691	20,479	6,086	14,393	5 18 10
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	13,403	1,047	12,356	..	12,356	5 2 0
Mining	10,317	988	9,329	2,052	7,277	3 0 1
Total Primary	316,220	30,463	285,757	30,975	254,782	105 3 2
Manufacturing (d) ..	408,314	..	408,314	..	408,314	168 10 6
Total all Industries ..	724,534	30,463	694,071	30,975	663,096	273 13 8

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Not available.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Fowling and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8

(a) See footnote (b) on page 38.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.	Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manufactured. (a)	
		State Electricity Commission.		Privately-operated Mines.	Total.		
		Yallourn.	Yallourn North.				
Year ended	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
December—							
1939 ..	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1940 ..	268	4,278	..	2	4,280	428	
1941 ..	326	4,565	..	1	4,566	419	
1942 ..	313	4,890	40	4	4,934	417	
1943 ..	287	5,038	43	11	5,092	411	
1944 ..	258	4,913	88	15	5,016	429	
1945 ..	247	5,366	48	31	5,445	455	
1946 ..	191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504	
1947 ..	174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514	
1948 ..	168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542	
1949 ..	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950 ..	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951 ..	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952 ..	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953 ..	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954 ..	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1953—							
June Quarter ..	30	1,686	312	122	2,120	146	
Sept. Quarter ..	44	1,641	331	146	2,118	133	
Dec. Quarter ..	39	1,645	298	166	2,109	146	
1954—							
March Quarter ..	33	1,595	307	187	2,089	141	
June Quarter ..	28	1,838	325	253	2,416	167	
Sept. Quarter ..	41	1,874	349	260	2,483	159	
Dec. Quarter ..	39	1,774	331	238	2,343	147	
1955—							
March Quarter ..	32	1,753	331	185	2,269	156	
June Quarter ..	32	1,970	380	222	2,572	168	

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total— Inter- state and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queens- land.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939 ..	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1940 ..	1,207	..	1,207	..	..	..	..	1,207
1941 ..	1,590	..	1,590	..	..	..	..	1,590
1942 ..	1,705	..	1,705	..	..	..	..	1,705
1943 ..	1,583	..	1,583	..	..	..	..	1,583
1944 ..	1,659	..	1,659	..	..	..	..	1,659
1945 ..	1,472	..	1,472	..	..	..	..	1,472
1946 ..	1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947 ..	1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948 ..	1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949 ..	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950 ..	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951 ..	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952 ..	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953 ..	1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954 ..	1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1953—								
June Quarter	246	62	308	..	..	..	..	308
Sept. Quarter	385	24	409	..	..	..	..	409
Dec. Quarter	383	24	407	..	..	..	..	407
1954—								
March Quarter	273	20	293	..	..	..	..	293
June Quarter	317	39	356	..	..	..	..	356
Sept. Quarter	361	47	408	..	..	..	..	408
Dec. Quarter	301	37	338	..	..	..	..	338
1955—								
March Quarter	253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275
June Quarter	352	19	371	..	..	..	..	371

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1952-53—						
June Quarter ..	24·0	801·0	825·0	23·4	756·4	779·8
1953-54—						
September Quarter ..	53·4	847·1	900·5	52·5	801·2	853·7
December Quarter ..	60·4	767·0	827·4	59·5	722·4	781·9
March Quarter ..	16·6	801·1	817·7	15·5	754·5	770·0
June Quarter ..	24·5	932·3	956·8	23·9	871·4	895·3
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	52·7	988·6	1,041·3	50·8	926·9	977·7
December Quarter ..	66·6	868·0	934·6	65·8	812·2	878·0
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9
June Quarter ..	51·9	1,035·1	1,087·0	51·4	971·3	1,022·7

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1953-54, 98·6 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year ...	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 " "	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1947 " "	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 " "	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 " "	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 " "	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 " "	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 " "	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 " "	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 " "	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year ...	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1954—								
March Quarter ...	2,970	8,661	320	5,190	4,460	1,687	7,750	15,538
June Quarter ...	3,365	9,849	448	4,564	5,021	2,707	8,834	17,120
September Quarter ...	3,764	11,906	431	2,459	5,232	2,577	9,427	16,942
December Quarter ...	3,406	10,134	393	4,927	4,620	2,525	8,419	17,586
1955—								
March Quarter ...	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376
June Quarter ...	3,559	11,187	313	3,842	5,355	3,514	9,227	18,543

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000	No.	Value. £'000
1939 Year ...	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1946 " "	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 " "	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1948 " "	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 " "	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 " "	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,998
1951 " "	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 " "	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953 " "	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954 " "	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955—								
June Quarter ...	197	514	34	419	420	234	651	1,167
September Quarter ...	226	606	50	327	384	152	660	1,085
December Quarter ...	210	548	32	279	359	160	601	987
1954—								
March Quarter ...	188	536	30	169	305	129	523	834
June Quarter ...	220	652	36	348	427	166	683	1,166
September Quarter ...	317	914	59	566	481	322	857	1,802
December Quarter ...	239	685	34	235	345	241	618	1,161
1955—								
March Quarter ...	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
June Quarter ...	220	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116		116	79		79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118		118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1952-53— June Quarter ..	337	247	584	437	405	842
1953-54— September Quarter ..	520	123	643	567	437	1,004
December Quarter ..	638	250	888	498	480	978
March Quarter ..	633(b)	231	864	378(b)	200	578
June Quarter ..	814(b)	114	928	697(b)	333	1,030
1954-55— September Quarter ..	766(b)	167	933	742(b)	437	1,179
December Quarter ..	841(b)	501	1,342	744(b)	426	1,170
March Quarter ..	697(b)	244	941	428(b)	127	555
June Quarter ..	407(b)	392	799	550(b)	506	1,056
Grand Total to 30th June, 1955 ..	19,163	12,422(c)	31,585	16,872	11,181(c)	28,053

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong ..	.. 362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings ..	.. 106	103

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.